

## Message Text

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O 191435Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9550  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY MADRID  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
USMISSION USUN NY  
USMISSION GENEVA  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1361

FOR AF - DICK MOOSE AND AID/AA/AFR-GOLER BUTCHER FROM THE AMBASSADOR

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, PEPR, MR, US  
SUBJ: MAURITANIAN WATER EMERGENCY

REF:NOUAKCHOTT 1332

1. LAST NIGHT AT THE END OF OUR FINAL CONVERSATION BEFORE HIS  
DEPARTURE FOR THE PARIS FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT AND MY DEPARTURE FOR  
THE US, I ASKED FONMIN MOUKNASS WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I  
COULD DO FOR HIM IN THE US. WITHOUT HESITATION HE PLEADED PLEASE HELP  
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US SOLVE THE EMERGENCY WATER PROBLEM.

2. THIS MORNING WHILE AT THE AIRPORT SEEING THE PRESIDFT AND  
FONMIN MOUKNASS OFF TO PARIS, MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
SIDI OULE CHEIKH ABDALLAHI APPROACHED ME TO INFORM THAT HE HAD  
JUST RETURNED FROM HIS TRIG TO THE INTERIOR, WHERE HE INSPECTED AN  
AREA WHERE THERE IS ADEQUATE PASTURAGE BUT NO WATER WITHIN THE CATTLE

'S

GRAZING RADIUS. HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY OBSERVED LARGE NUMBERS  
OF CATTLE THAT HAD FALLEN DEAD.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO REFTTEL. KRYZA

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